

Roseburg District Resource Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of Monday, **March 31, 2003**
Roseburg District Office
777 NW Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon

Committee Members Present:

Bob Kinyon - Environmental Org., Chair
Donald Ollivant - Environmental Org.
Shirley Cairns - Public at Large
Leonard Schussel – Teacher
Ronald Breyne - School Official
Janice Green - Dispersed Recreation
Mike Estes - Developed Recreation
Gary Schroeder - Commercial Timber Industry, Vice Chair
David Lorenz
Maryjane Snocker - Environmental Org.
Mike Piehl - Commercial Recreation

Alternates Present:

Sam Huff

Committee Members Absent:

William Burnett - School Official
Judith Bacon - Elected Official
Tom Van Epps - Energy & Mineral Development
Jeannie Weakly - Organized Labor

Alternates Absent:

John Hope
David Elder

Others Present:

Jake Winn - Project Manager
Dwight Fielder - South River Area Manager
Elynn Burkett - Public Affairs Officer
Cary Osterhaus – District Manager, DFO
Glenn Harper – Coos Bay BLM

Zane Cornett
Elaine Twigg Cornett
Jay Carlson - Swiftwater Area Manager
Jim Halberg – State Coordinator

WELCOME:

Chairman, Bob Kinyon, called the RAC meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was met. Cary Osterhaus gave an overview of progress and accomplishments. Three 'alternate' vacancy notices are out in the paper and the Federal Register (one for each of the 3 categories). No deadline was set as to when selections would be completed. Chair asked for comments. No comments.

REVIEW OF MEETING AGREEMENTS & MEMBER EXPECTATIONS:

Twigg Cornett read through the guidelines. No questions/concerns.

Committee members expressed their hopes & expectations for this cycle:

- Chair (speaking for the Watershed Council) expressed gratitude to RACs for considering them to receive funding. He said one example was the Cavitt Creek project that brought in \$5,000. Cairns passed on positive feedback she's heard, especially with Wildlife Safari. Osterhaus said the national level was now looking at how RACs operate. He said the results reflected a superior job!
- Schussel (speaking for the teaching community) asked the Committee to look at the continuity of projects chosen, and the intent of the legislation to work.
- Winn said that the District Engineering Staff has done an outstanding job in completing projects.
- Piehl brought up the point that the publicity level, relative to good things being done, was not there.

ELECT NEW CHAIR PERSON:

Cornett reminded the Committee that the Charter states that, at the 1st meeting of the calendar year, chair & vice-chair need to be elected.

Chair said nominations are now open for chair & vice-chair.

Cairns "motion to adopt self-nomination". Estes "seconded".

Ollivant said the Charter does not say chair & vice-chair cannot run again. Schussel suggested to keep the same folks as last year. No further discussion.

Each member verbalized their interest:

Kinyon – willing to serve as chair

Schussel – does not have time

Cairns – does not have time

Estes – keep same folks

Breyne - keep same folks

Snocker – no time

Schroeder – will go again

Lorenz – keep the same

Ollivant - keep the same

Green - keep the same ??

Mike Piehl - ??

Cornett asked for a motion to elect Bob Kinyon as Chair due to acclamation.

Cairns "withdrew motion".

Osterhaus "Motion to go around table to vote. Vote 'yes' or 'no' on acclamation."

All members voted "yes".

CHOOSE DECISION PROCESS & MEETING SCHEDULE:

Discuss Decision Process:

- Winn suggested the Committee follow last year's decision process including: applications for Title II funds will be accepted till May 30th; the following week binders are put together and sent out; & then members can send in a list of preferences.
- Osterhaus spoke about his meeting with the O&C County Association. Cary informed the Association that, by April 15th, they will be provided a detailed synopsis covering 90% of the projects. Committee would like a copy of the list being sent to County. Winn said the list may change. Rolling this date forward may cause next year's meetings to be scheduled a month or so ahead.
- Chair asked that in "description" projects should differentiate by means of: have applicants list unique factors, an abstract explaining intention of project, or a list to quantify details of project.
- Winn said he would provide a sample application to folks in the office.
- Cornett summed it up: RACs have to be able to discriminate between projects. He asked for scenarios to work from.
- **Chair recommended: "pick up binders, overview, and field trip".**
- **Cairns "seconded".**
- Schroeder suggested that the Committee stay with Monday meetings.

(break for:)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

10 a.m. Chair asked for any public participation. None.

Cairns left at 10 a.m. All dates are good for her.

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CHOOSE DECISION PROCESS & MEETING SCHEDULE:

- Winn recommends members contact him for specific questions, and he will get the requested information.
- Osterhaus may schedule at least two extra meetings if needed. He said that there may not be a quorum on June 30th, but that shouldn't matter since it is not a decision-making meeting.

Discuss Field Trip:

- Field trip (May 19th). Folks would like to view projects including: (1) density management, (2) fish passage (bridge culverts), (3) LWD (in-stream habitat), and (4) the top 10 noxious weeds. Winn said a power point presentation on noxious weeds was an available option for June 30th.

Set Meeting Dates:

May 19th – field trip

June 16th – 1/2 day meeting for overview of book

June 30th – questions, brief external presentations if needed, clarifications

July 14th – preference, decision-making

July 28th – fall back meeting

(extra meetings for July 21st & August 4th if needed)

Schroeder "proposal for May 19th field trip & stick with program for June 16th, June 30th, July 14th, & July 28th". Estes "seconded". No objections. Chair approved.

Chair said that an addition to today's agenda will be visitor Doug Robertson at 11:00 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

- Winn summarized "How we spent the Title II funds in Fiscal Year 2002" with handout. Dollars were spent and jobs were awarded, but some projects were delayed due to fire closures. 89% of funds were spent/obligated. 4% carried over to 2003. 7% of extra funds available were applied to additional projects. Winn explained the Fate Creek amount, federal dollars and rough estimates.
- Schroeder said he appreciates the titles "Round #1 & #2". Entering "Round #3" now.
- Winn covered the handout "Status of Projects Proposed ..." for all projects in Round #1 & #2, which is subject to change as projects are awarded. The Lee Creek Culvert Replacement Project may not be finished this year. The Riparian Vegetation Study was withdrawn. Osterhaus praised the RAC for funding Portuguese Broom Eradication.
- Snocker said she would prefer to stay away from re-surfacing roads. Winn said there were obligations to meet road maintenance system. Reduces future maintenance of roads. Projects reflect the need. Carlson said timber sales are tied up in litigation; but the need for road maintenance is still there.
- Winn gave an example of projects: LWD projects reflect environmental protection and restoration goals; culverts prioritized involved with private lands also. The EA reflects a conscious effort.
- Ollivant addressed the fish passage problem and suggested that some of the culverts selected for the project could be set back and the money could be used on projects that might provide immediate results.

GUEST SPEAKER DOUG ROBERTSON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Mr. Robertson spoke about his trip to Reno where he attended a conference regarding the County Payments Act. He heard from various speakers including a message from Under Secretary Mark Rey saying that the legislation created these RACs. Kathleen Clark praised the success of the Oregon RACs and especially the five BLM RACs. 40 counties receive dollars for RAC, however some are not participating with the program and don't use the money. An opportunity may come for members to go to these other counties and explain the reasoning for the RAC. "We want community participation, teamwork" said Kathleen Clark. Mr. Robertson explained how state monies are distributed and the issue of not getting sufficient monies to where it is designated to go.

The next meeting will be held May 19, 2003 (field tour).

Chair adjourned the meeting at 12n.

Lynn Koens